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By Laura Legere

Cabot Oil and Gas Corp. stopped delivering replacement water supplies to all 19 Dimock Twp. homes affected by methane-tainted well water by a state-approved deadline on Dec. 1, a company spokesman said Thursday.

Spokesman George Stark said a motion filed by attorneys for families suing the company was incorrect when it claimed water deliveries continued to one family, the Mayes, who are being represented by a lawyer also representing Cabot.

"When the water stopped, the water stopped," Mr. Stark said.

Amy L. Barrette, the attorney for Cabot and the Mayes, declined to comment Thursday. She was paraphrased in the families' motion saying water deliveries to the Mayes continued through mid-December and "would be ongoing" - a statement Mr. Stark said she never made and "is not factual."

Cabot stopped bulk and bottled water deliveries to the homes after it met the relevant terms of a December 2010 settlement with the state over gas wells the state found leaking methane into the aquifer. Cabot denies it caused the methane migration, which it says is naturally occurring.

Lawyers for the families suing Cabot are seeking to remove Ms. Barrette and her firm from the case, saying the simultaneous representation of Cabot and the Mayes is a conflict of interest.

The families' attorneys said Thursday the motion "speaks for itself."

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